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NEW CASTLE WOMAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR ILLEGALLY CLAIMING MORE THAN \$52,500 FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Lorna K. Sander, 47, New Castle, Ind., was sentenced yesterday to five months in prison and five months of home detention by U.S. District Judge Sarah E. Barker following her guilty plea to one count of theft of government funds and one count of making a false statement to the Social Security Administration. This case was the result of a investigation by the Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General.

From March 2007 through August 2007, Lorna K. Sander stole \$52,928 in Social Security benefits that were intended for the support of her three minor children. In March 2007, Sander applied for Social Security benefits under the SSA's Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance program after the children's stepfather became disabled. In the application, Sander falsely represented to the SSA that her three children were living with her, but they had been removed by the Indiana Department of Child Services in October 2006. The children were later adopted by another family, who were caring for the children throughout the period that Sander fraudulently received benefits.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Doris L. Pryor, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also imposed three years supervised release following Sander's release from prison. During the period of supervised release, Sander must undergo drug testing. Sander was ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$52,928.

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